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TAGS: TGEN, EC

SUBJECT:R/V GLOMAR CHALLENGER

1. R/V GLOMAR CHALLENGER, OPERATED BY SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND OWNED BY GLOBAL MARINE, HAS MODIFIED ITS RESEARCH PROGRAM AND IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN AN AREA OF THE EAST PACIFIC OCEAN. THE RESEARCH INVOLVES DRILLING THE OCEANIC CRUST TO IDENTIFY THE BASIC PETROLOGIC, SEISMIC, AND MAGNETIC PROPERTIES AND TO OBSERVE SPATIAL AND TEMPORAL VARIATION OF THESE PROPERTIES. ONE OF FOUR POSSIBLE SITES WILL BE DRILLED, ALL OF WHICH ARE BEYOND 200 MILES OF ECUADOR, INCLUDING THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS. THE APPROXIMATE POSITION OF THE SITE IS 0 DEGREES 35'N, 83 DEGREES 45' W.

2. GLOMAR CHALLENGER WILL ARRIVE ON STATION 22 MAY AND DEPART 1 JUNE. WHILE IN TRANSIT TO THE SITE IT WILL

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PASS AS CLOSE AS 150 N.M. TO ECUADOR AND WILL BE OPERATING AN AIR GUN (FOR SEISMIC RECORDING) TO HELP ESTABLISH THE BEST DRILLING SITE. THE SHIP WILL BE IN THE 200 MILE ARC FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT TWO DAYS WHILE TRANSITING TO THE SITE.

3. THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED SO THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF

THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SHIP AND YOU MAY PROVIDE IT, AT YOUR DISCRETION, TO THE GOE. MENTION OF ACTUAL DISTANCES OFFSHORE SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE MADE AS THE U.S. VIEW IS THAT THE SHIP IS OPERATING ON THE HIGH SEAS. IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO GIVE THE APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF THE DRILL SITE. THE PURPOSE OF INFORMING THE GOE IS BECAUSE THE AIR-GUN CAN BE HEARD FOR GREAT DISTANCES UNDERWATER AND WE DO NOT WANT ANYONE TO BE ALARMED OR CONCERNED ABOUT THE ACTIVITY OF THE SHIP. ALSO, THE GOE MAY BE INTERESTED FROM A PURELY SCIENTIFIC ASPECT. CHRISTOPHER

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